

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

A<sup>3</sup>  
Claim 1 (currently amended): An article selected from the group consisting of a flexible carrying implement, medical application, kitchen or bathroom implement, decorative covering, home accent item, pet industry article, fabric or fabric backing, and a bending application, wherein said article comprises ~~comprising~~ a laminate web comprising:

- a) a first web;
- b) a second web joint to said first web in a face-to-face relationship at a plurality of discrete bond sites, the first and second webs forming an interior region therebetween;
- c) said bond site defining an elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about ~~[[2]]~~ 3 and having a longitudinal axis oriented in a first direction and a transverse axis oriented in a second direction orthogonal to said first direction; and
- d) a third material involved in said discrete bond sites and substantially filling said interior region.

Claims 2 - 9 (canceled) ✓

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Claim 10 (new): An article selected from the group consisting of a flexible carrying implement, medical application, kitchen or bathroom implement, decorative covering, home accent item, pet industry article, fabric or fabric backing, and a bending application, wherein said article comprises a laminate web comprising:

- a) a first web;
- b) a second web joint to said first web in a face-to-face relationship at a plurality of discrete bond sites, the first and second webs forming an interior region therebetween;
- c) said bond site defining an elongated melt weakened region having an aspect ratio of at least about 3 and a width of less than about 0.02 inches; and
- d) a third material involved in said discrete bond sites and substantially filling said interior region.